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LEE THORNTON: George Bush is the outgoing Director of the CIA. A few days ago, Ike Pappas talked with Bush about some of the controversy surrounding the agency and about what Bush sees for the CIA's future.

IKE PAPPAS: What are some of the problems that remain? What kind of problems with the next Director face, do you think?

DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH: The Director should be very, very concerned about proliferated oversight and work with the Congress towards some kind of consolidated oversight, because, you see, the security leak situation is a valid national security concern. We cannot run an intelligence business in the sunlight. And yet it should be responsive to Congress, you see.

So I think these are problems. I don't worry about any of the hearings that have been discussed, because I'm convinced that this agency is going to accord itself well in the future.

PAPPAS: What kind of an agency then do you think you're handing over to the next Director? What sort of shape is it in now, do you think?

DIRECTOR BUSH: I think we're handing one over where recruitment is up, where morale is pretty darn good. I think we're handing over one that is living comfortably with the major reform of intelligence that took place in the President's Executive Order. I think we're handing over one that realizes that congressional oversight is here to stay and should be here to stay.

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And if we cooperate fully, the Congress can help strengthen our intelligence. And we're handing over an agency that has the most dedicated people I've ever been associated with in ten years of government.

THORNTON: A little later in the broadcast we'll have an interview with Theodore Sorensen, the man President-elect Carter has picked to succeed George Bush.